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1. SUBSTANTIVE REPLIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT TO REFTEL ARE LACKING IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES(INCLUDING PEKING, TTPI AND GOVGUAM) AND CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION HAS BEEN INFORMALLY EXPRESSED BY THE JAPANESE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO DETERMINE ASIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF STORMFURY BEFORE OCT 8-14 MEETING OF THE ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE IN MANILA. SUCH ASSESSMENT WILL BE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN OUR DECISION AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE PROFITABLE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER. MOREOVER, IF IT APPEARS THERE IS REASONABLY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSFER FROM MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THE JAPANESE MIGHT CONCEIVABLY REFRAIN FROM FORMALLY OPPOSING IT (TOKYO 9871, PARA 8), PARTICULARLY IF WE MAKE CLEAR, AS WE INTEND TO DO, THAT WE ARE STILL EXPLORING THE MATTER OURSELVES AND WILL NOT PROCEED IF THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF HARMFUL EFFECTS FROM THE EXPERIMENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN MIND THE TABLING BY

OUR OBSERVER DELEGATION OF A RESOLUTION, WITH COSPONSORS, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ESCAP FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS NEXT PLENARY, THAT WOULD READ ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE BELIEVES THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF STORMFURY WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH UN RESOLUTION 2914 (XXVII) CALLING FOR EFFORTS TO MITIGATE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SEVERE STORMS. (TEXT OF 2914 FORWARDED A-5046).

B. THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE ENDORSES IN PRINCIPLE THE PROPOSED TRANSFER.

3. ACTION: ADDRESSEES POSTS, IF THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION, ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE USG IS CONSIDERING THE TABLING OF A RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOVE AND BELIEVES THAT INITIAL DISCUSSION SHOULD BEGIN NOW ON THIS PROJECT. POSTS, IN THEIR DISCRETION, SHOULD REQUEST VIEWS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS, INQUIRE ABOUT THEIR INTEREST IN COSPONSORSHIP IF THIS SEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND REPORT SOONEST (MANILA AS INFO ADDRESSEE).

4. FOR MANILA: DEPARTMENT HOPES GOP WILL NOT TABLE RESOLUTION GOING FURTHER THAN WHAT IS PROPOSED HERE AND BE-

LIEVES THAT GOP MIGHT BE CAUTIONED AGAINST TAKING OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC POSITION. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS REGARDING EXTENT OF SUPPORT THE GOP HAS FOUND FOR PROPOSED TRANSFER (TOKYO 9871, PARA 3).

5. FOR USLO PEKING: MISSION MAY ALSO IN ITS DISCRETION ASK WHETHERPRC WILL BE REPRESENTED AT MANILA MEETING.

6. FOR TOKYO: IT IS CLEAR FROM TOKYO 12372 THAT GOJ WILL NOT REACH FINAL DECISION ON STORMFURY IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR EMBASSY TO INFORM GOJ WE CONSIDERING TABLING OF RESOLUTION. PARTY NOAA METEOROLOGISTS PLAN VISIT TOKYO MONDAY OCT 14 ENROUTE TO MANILA TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON TYPHOON MODERATION. PARTY CONSISTS OF CECIL GENTRY, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HURRICANE RESEARCH LABORATORY, MIAMI; STANLEY ROSENTHAL, CHIEF THEORETICAL STUDIES AT NHRL, AND EUGENE BOLLAY, PROGRAM MANAGER FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION, BOULDER. PARTY WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES JAPANESE MAY WISH TO RAISE.

7. FOR HICOM AND STATUS LNO: FURTHER TO PARA 11 REFTEL AND STATE 159737, UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED HICOM SHOULD PROCEED WITH WHATEVER CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, USING

STATUS LNO FOR ADVICE ON REGIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS ASPECTS. SUGGEST YOU COORDINATE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVGUAM. PLEASE REPORT TO DEPARTMENT SOONEST OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS AND ANY VIEWS YOU WISH TO EXPRESS. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER TTPI WILL BE REPRESENTED AT MANILA MEETING OF ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER.

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8. FOR GOVGUAM: IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, PLEASE INFORM GUAM LEGISLATURE IN MANNER YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE OF STORMFURY PROPOSAL (WHICH DESCRIBED PARA 1 AND 2 STATE 128792) AND USG PLAN TO TABLE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED PARA 2 ABOVE AT OCTOBER MEETING OF ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST OF LEGISLATURE'S REACTION (WHICH WERE INVITED EARLIER BY STATE 198782 AND STATE 159737).

9. FOR CINCPACREP GUAM: APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT THIS MESSAGE AND FOLLOWING PREVIOUS CLASSIFIED MESSAGES SENT TO CINCPACREP GUAM ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO HICOMTERPACIS, STATUS LNO AND GOVGUAM: STATE 128792 DTG 171959Z JUN 74, STATE 159737 DTG 231136Z JUL 74, AND STATE 198782 DTG 102218Z SEPT 74. KISSINGER

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